



June 27, 2024

Rep. Elizabeth Velasco  
Sen. Perry Will  
Colorado General Assembly  
200 E. Colfax  
Denver, CO 80203

RE: House Bill 24-1344

Dear Representative Velasco and Senator Will:

We would respectfully request that you contact the Governor's Office to ask for a delay of a portion of a bill that was signed into law in early June. A provision of HB24-1344 would allow only licensed plumbers to inspect, test or install backflow preventors.

Only two companies on the Aspen list of 20+ certified backflow inspectors are licensed plumbers who will be allowed to do this work. If this law is allowed to go into effect on July 1, this would greatly impact the City of Aspen's ability to reach state compliance every year. Each year a public water system must ensure that at least 90% of the backflow devices (more than 3,000) are tested or inspected and no device can be uninspected for more than 2 consecutive years. Aspen does not own the devices, customers do, and the devices are tested by these outside certified testing firms. With only a few companies that would be able to perform this work, Aspen and many other areas in rural Colorado will be unable to maintain compliance with the state's cross connection control rules. Aspen is a part of the Colorado Water Utility Council and is in support of the letter sent on behalf of that organization to Senator Pelton.

We appreciate your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

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